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## County Official Paper

### THE SLUMBERING VOLCANO.

The following is not taken from a Socialist paper, but from the news columns of last Monday's Oregonian. The dispatch states that Wall Street realizes that almost the absolute control of the country's financial affairs is now centralized in the hands of a few men and that J. P. Morgan heads the most gigantic combination of capital in the world. Here are a few things, according to the statement, that this combination of capitalists could do:

It could call \$200,000,000 of loans over night and ruin any adversary.

It could reduce credits to such a degree as to cause extreme money stringency and great commercial distress.

It could tie up the cash holdings of New York banks by demanding certification of checks for enormous amounts.

It could deplete bank reserves in New York by causing shipments of cash to any part of the country.

It could make money rate of interest almost as it chose, from 2 per cent to 100 per cent on call loans.

It could cripple the financial operations of the government by refusing to purchase any bond issue.

It could dictate the financial operations of the great railway systems and expanding industrial concerns.

It could, and does dictate terms and actions of every company promotion that is important enough to be financed in Wall Street.

It probably did dictate to President Roosevelt in the matter of the purchase by the Street Trust of its Tennessee properties. The money power is a real thing and not a populist figment. Why any man or set of men should desire such great power for good or evil is hard for the plain people to understand. Morgan and his associates may feel secure, and believe the edifice they have erected is founded upon a rock and indestructible, yet their wealth may vanish almost in a night. It is based, to a great extent, upon public confidence, and when the people are convinced that it will be used for any of the purposes enumerated above it will be curbed, or, if that is found impossible, it will be taken from them. At present the people are comparatively prosperous. Those who wish to work can earn a living, though trust control of the necessities of life makes it impossible for a laborer to raise a family as it should be raised or to put by anything for the time when the earning capacity is no more. It is a fact that unskilled labor, under present conditions, as a rule, faces the almshouse at the end of the road. We do not need to go outside of St. Helens to illustrate this fact, and St. Helens is a prosperous community. What is called common labor receives here from \$1.75 to \$2 per day. It should be possible for a laborer to marry, raise a family in decency, and save enough to keep out of the poor house in his old age. Can he do it? No house can be rented that is fit to live in for less than \$10 per month. Wood will cost \$3 per month, water \$1.25 for one faucet, light at least \$1. If he eats no better meat than the poorest it will cost \$1.50 per week. These are a few of his fixed charges, and they are lighter here than in some other places. As he reads the Oregonian and sees that a few men in New York can stop the wheels of industry and deprive him of the pittance he is receiving, can anyone wonder if he lends a willing ear to those who teach the spoliation of the rich. It is high time the Nation was doing something to check the accumulation of these vast fortunes and take from such men as Morgan the power it is now admitted they possess. It is better for a capitalist to be separated from a portion of his wealth than for his head to be



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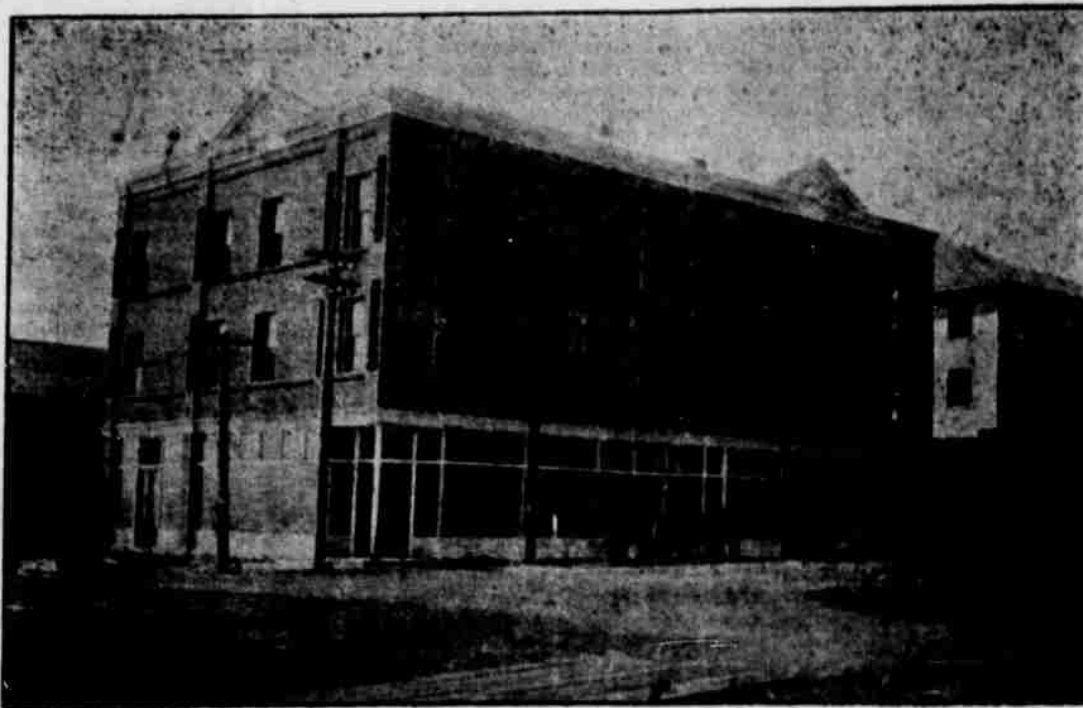
### Stock of Holiday Articles is Complete

## Everything for Christmas

### HEADQUARTERS FOR SHOPPERS

#### An Up-to-date Department Store.

We believe that our store and the line of goods we carry compare very favorably with those of many a community several times as large as St. Helens. Such a store should draw the trade of a large territory. As you can now buy anything that you want at this store, there is no good reason for doing your shopping in Portland. There are lots of reasons why you should buy here. Call and get a few.



#### Are You Looking For Something?

Perhaps when you were doing your Christmas shopping there was some item which you particularly wanted but could not find. There is just one thing to do in such a case—head straight for the big department store. We carry everything. Never before in the history of Columbia County has there been such a display of Christmas goods as we have this year. And not only now but at any season of the year we will have what you are looking for. Everything from pins to farm machinery.

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separated from his body. The lesson of the French Revolution should be studied and intelligent reform should forestall anarchy.

#### ABIDE BY THE LAW.

The Oregonian, in an article regarding the meeting of the State Board of Equalization, says: A striking illustration of the lack of uniformity in assessing is found in the official estimates of Clatsop and Columbia Counties. The assessors from these counties testified that they had assessed at full cash value. These two counties, lying side by side, are considered to be about equal in wealth and resources, and yet the summary of Columbia County shows a total valuation of \$15,561,335, while that of Clatsop is only \$8,881,321. The Columbia County assessor found \$30,000 in money, the assessor of Clatsop County found no money. According to the official figures in Columbia County there are notes and accounts of the value of \$225,500; in Clatsop County, the summary shows only \$400 in notes and accounts. In Columbia County, 157 miles of telegraph and telephone lines were assessed at \$10,965; in Clatsop County, 341 miles were listed at \$3447. The Columbia County man assessed 752 dogs at \$2757, while the Clatsop County assessor found no dogs.

These two counties, however, furnish only one instance of many showing there is need of reform in the methods of assessing now in vogue in this State, the members of the State Board declare. Surprise was occasioned by the testimony of many of the assessors that they made no effort to assess mortgage notes, but that they did assess unsecured notes. Of the two classes of property, the secured credits are considered by tax experts to be preferable, and there is nothing in the Oregon laws exempting the mortgage notes from taxation. Notwithstanding this, a majority of the assessors of the state made no effort this year to assess mortgage notes.

The law of 1907 goes into detail as to what constitutes actual cash value, but notwithstanding this there appears to be a wide variation in the minds of the assessors as to the meaning of the term. An examination of the official summaries of the counties shows that there has been an increase of nearly 200,000,000 in the total valuation of the property of the state, and that there is a decided disposition on the part of most of the assessors to operate on a more uniform basis than in past years.

Columbia County has set the example in the matter of reasonable compliance with the law requiring that all property be assessed at its full cash value. The election of our present judge and assessor, was, to a large degree upon this issue. The owners of large tracts of timber land desired a board of equalization whom they believed would reduce the valuations of their property. Only in exceptional instances has it been assessed too high. A great deal of it is now worth twice its assessed value.

uation. The policy of obeying the law should be indorsed by the State Board of Equalization and such counties as Clatsop, where the assessor persistently neglects to do his duty, should not be permitted to escape their fair share of the State's burden.

#### STRAYED.

From Columbia City, one red yearling steer, a little white, one yearling heifer, red and little roan, slit in point of both ears; one yearling heifer, red and brindle, slit in point of both ears. Anyone caring for same will be paid for their trouble.

W. P. MACLAY,  
Columbia City.

MARRIED—Hattie Koble and John W. Rice were united in marriage at the court house in St. Helens on December 20th, Judge James Dart performing the ceremony.

Cream puffs and pumpkin pie at the St. Helens Bakery, Saturday. Buy them for your Sunday dinner.

Marriage licenses have been granted during the past week to Gertrude E. Middelburg and Clarence O. Brown; Christine Joseph and C. Carlson; Hattie B. Koble and John W. Rice; Kate C. Revis and T. L. Cooper; Annabelle Cole and T. J. Chambers.

MARRIED—At the residence of Peter Anderson, of Bachelor Flat, on December 16th, Johanna Marie Anderson to Peter O. Jacobson.

Pine pianos cheap at Montgomery's. Ducks taken up—Otto Erickson and Louis Boesel, of Warren, have taken up nine ducks, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges.

Three fresh cows for sale. Inquire of B. J. Keelan, Deer Island.

Piano to exchange for lumber, real estate or furniture. Montgomery.

For a first class job of painting go to Jack Skinner, Houston, Oregon.

The best people will attend the K. P. ball at Acme Hall Christmas Eve.

Let us figure on all your electrical work. Columbia Electric Works.

MINCE PIES FOR CHRISTMAS—Order them from the St. Helens Bakery.

We wish to announce to our friends and patrons that we carry a full line of Brown and Hamilton celebrated American Gentleman and American lady shoes and would be pleased to show them to you. There is no more important detail of your attire than shoes. You will find nothing smarter or correct than our new American Gentleman Oxford. The superiority of this, like all American gentlemen shoes, is not only in appearance, it covers every detail, inside and out. JAMES MUCKLE & SON.

#### NOTICE

Those holding cash sale tickets to which they wish to use toward securing the beautiful doll in our window must present them before 8:30 o'clock Christmas Eve.

WHITE & ANDERSON,  
Houston, Oregon.

#### OUR XMAS GIFT TO THE PUBLIC.

To every resident of Columbia County who is not now a subscriber to the Oregon Mist we wish to present a year's subscription. The Mist is the official paper of this county and should go to every home in it, though more especially to the home of every taxpayer, as in its columns is shown where every dollar of Columbia County's money goes to. All you have to do to secure this paper one year is to subscribe through us for the Weekly Oregonian for one year at \$1.50. Both papers will then go to your address for 12 months, and as the Oregonian alone costs \$1.50, and is well worth it, the Mist subscription can be looked upon only as a Christmas present. This offer is for NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY, and expires New Year's night, January 1st, 1910.

#### OBITUARY.

Samuel Holaday, whose funeral occurred at Scappoose cemetery on Tuesday last, December 14th, was born in Indiana on November 22nd, 1823, of Quaker parents, and died in the faith of his forefathers. He crossed the plains in 1853, by ox team to California, where he lived two years. He returned to his home and in the year 1857 moved to Kansas, where he resided until 1881. Then he went to Colorado, and from that State to Oregon in 1883, living in Columbia County for over twenty-six years. He died at the home of his nephew J. A. Smith, at Deer Island, on December 13, 1909, aged 86 years. Rev. Lew Davies, of Warren, conducted the funeral services.

#### A XMAS HYMN.

(By S. C. Sherrill, Vernonia.)  
Merry Xmas time to you,  
Richest blessings ever true,  
From the skies above now fall,  
Given by the God of All.  
Ring the Merry Xmas bells!  
All the joyful, chiming bells!  
Christ is born, a Savior, child—  
Christ of Love, so meek, so mild.  
Ring the Merry Xmas bells  
On the hills and in the dells;  
Peace on earth, good will to men,  
Glory be to God, Amen.

The Oregonian is persistently setting up a man of straw when it reiterates in boldface that the "assembly" is not illegal. It is simply illegal and of no binding force. All the Democrats in Oregon can take part in the election of so-called "delegates" if they see fit, just as they did in the old Simon-Lotan primaries.

## YOUR LAST CHANCE

To-Morrow is Christmas. Have you made every preparation, or are you still unprepared? Have you gifts to buy yet? If so, come in and look around. Have you everything purchased for the Christmas Dinner? My line of Fancy and Staple Articles can't be beat.

## SILVERWARE

Makes a very acceptable gift and that is why I have put in a complete and beautiful line for the Holiday Season. Prices right and goods that are first class.

## FANCY CHINA

I have it—in designs that are tasty and at prices that can't be beat. Also a large variety of neat, serviceable dinner sets at the right price.

## Gents' Furnishings

What is the matter with some article from this well equipped part of my store as a present for him? Be he father, husband, brother or friend you can choose an appropriate gift from this line.

FOR THE CHILDREN—Mechanical toys, a variety of Rocking Horses that would please any kid, Horns, Drums, Blocks, Whips, Swords, Dolls, Toy Trunks and Furniture, Buggies, Engines and Wagons. In fact, everything to delight the heart of the youngsters.

#### GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

## J. H. WELLINGTON

ST. HELENS, OREGON

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the estate of Florence B. Godfrey, deceased, will present the same, properly verified, to James H. McFarland, at the court house in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated St. Helens, December 18th, 1909.  
J. H. JOHNSON,  
Administrator.

#### SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, in the County of Columbia.  
Grace E. McFarland, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph A. McFarland, Defendant.

To the above named defendant, Joseph A. McFarland: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in this court, and to file your answer thereto, on or before the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the said complaint to be taken as confessed, and for judgment to be entered thereon, and for such other and further relief as to the court shall seem just and equitable in the premises.

This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made and entered in said court on the 4th day of December, 1909, by the Hon. J. A. McFarland, Judge of the said court, which said order requires you to appear and answer the complaint in said suit within a certain number of days of the date of the first publication of this summons.

GRAHAM, CLETON & DAVIS,  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
Date of first publication Dec. 18, 1909.  
Date of last publication Jan. 21, 1910.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the county court, of the State of Oregon, in Columbia County, appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. H. Smith, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, with proper vouchers, at the office of the Columbia County Abstract and Trust Company, at St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 8th Nov. 8, 1909.  
E. E. QUICK,  
Administrator.

#### NOTICE.

My wife, Maud Ternahan, having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

ROBERT TERNAHAN.  
Dated at Scappoose, Ore., Nov. 20, 1909.

#### WARNING TO ALL.

This is to give notice that I will not be responsible for any bills incurred hereafter by Charles Herr, as he is not in any way connected with me in business.

JNO. MCKIE,  
St. Helens, Ore.

## DILLARD & DAY

Attorneys-at-Law

Practice in any Court, State or Federal. Next door to court house.

ST. HELENS, ORE.